IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TR

In re the Application of:

Francis VOCANSON et al.

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For: NOVEL HYBRID PROBES WITH HEIGHTENED LUMINESCENCE (as

amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 30, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

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